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CASTRO



Cuban idol Castro is mobbed by worshippers at recent patriotic celebration. Although recent speeches have set class against class, Castro still has adulation of the crowd.

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MILLIONS OF WORDS have been written about Fidel Castro since his triumphal march into Havana 16 months ago, and yet Cuba's bearded strongman remains an enigma. Americans who hailed him as a liberator now are baffled by his coziness with Russia and by his hate-the-U.S. campaign. Even the State Department is frankly puzzled.

Yet no leader outside the Soviet sphere has received more attention from officials in Washington. Experts have explored every corner of Castro's career for clues to his thinking. *PARADE* has read their confidential studies and discussed Castro with former associates and diplomats. A reporter-photographer went to Cuba for an exclusive report: his photos appear in this edition.

He loves action. When police are scouring Havana for "traitors," Castro enjoys accompanying them, usually carrying an automatic rifle.

Is Castro a Communist? Castro got embroiled with Communists during his university days: in 1948, for instance, he attended the Communist-inspired student congress at Bogota, Colombia. And today Communist influence in the Castro government is widespread.

But Gen. C. P. Cabell, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, says: "Our information shows that the Cuban Communists do not consider Castro a Communist Party member or even a pro-Communist. The Communists regard him as the leader of a nationalistic, bourgeois democratic revolution, which precedes a Communist rise to power."

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